

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) An automatic analyzing system according to claim 11, further comprising
a new reagent detection unit which detects that the one reagent detected as being short, is newly set at the analyzing apparatus in which the shortage of the one reagent occurred, ~~and~~
wherein said management computer is further programmed to restore operation of the ~~automatic~~-analyzing apparatus, in which the shortage of the one reagent occurred and which was stopped, in accordance with the detection of the setting of the new reagent by the new reagent detection unit.

4-5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) An automatic analyzing system according to claim 11, further comprising
a buffer in which a sample to be analyzed by the analyzing apparatus which has been stopped, is placed in a stand by state by the corresponding module computer, without stopping the analysis of the entire system during a time period where the reagent to be replaced is supplied to the analyzing apparatus in which a reagent is short.

7. (Previously Presented) An automatic analyzing system according to claim 3, further comprising

a mechanism which automatically measures a remaining amount of the reagent replaced in the analyzing apparatus which has been stopped before the analyzing apparatus is restored to operation.

8. (Currently Amended) An automatic analyzing system according to claim 3, ~~further comprising a mechanism which~~wherein the corresponding module computer is programmed to confirm automatically ~~confirms~~, before the analyzing apparatus which has been stopped is restored to operation, whether or not the reagent replaced in the analyzing apparatus which has been stopped coincides with an item for measurement relating to the one reagent detected to be short, wherein when the reagent replaced does not coincide with the item, the analyzing apparatus is not restored to operation.

9. (Currently Amended) An automatic analyzing system according to claim 11, ~~further comprising means which~~wherein the corresponding module computer is programmed to determine a reagent to be exchanged by notifying an identifier of the one reagent detected to be short and that the analyzing apparatus in which a reagent is short is automatically stopped.

10. (Currently Amended) An automatic analyzing system according to claim 9, ~~further comprising means which~~wherein the corresponding module computer is programmed to identify the one reagent to be exchanged by automatically confirming, before restoring to operation the analyzing apparatus in which a reagent is short and notifying an identifier of the one reagent detected to be short.

11. (Currently Amended) An automatic analyzing system which analyzes samples by using a plurality of analyzing apparatuses, each containing a reagent, which are disposed along a carry line comprising:

a reagent shortage detection unit for detecting that a reagent used in analyzing a sample in an analyzing apparatus is short; and

a management computer for controlling operations of said analyzing system, said management computer being programmed to~~[:]~~ register particular reagents in

the analyzing system-in-advance, and to register an analyzing apparatus in which any one of said particular reagents is detected as being short; and

a plurality of module computers for the plurality of analyzing apparatuses, the plurality of module computers each corresponding to one of the plurality of analyzing apparatuses, each module computer being programmed to stop the corresponding analyzing apparatus in which any one of said particular reagents registered in advance-is detected as being short.

12. (Currently Amended) An automatic analyzing system according to claim

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wherein at least one of the plurality of analyzing apparatuses contains a reagent that is not registered in the analyzing system; and

wherein said ~~management~~module computer is further programmed to continue operation of the corresponding~~an~~ analyzing apparatus in which a reagent which is not registered is detected as being short.